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1.	which	vessel passed Vard on 23 March 1954; it sailed toward the open sea to about 20 nautical miles southwest of Cape Kanin Nos (N 68-38, E 43-18), which was reached on 30 March. The weather was clear during the trip but no Soviet aircraft or vessels were observed.					
2.	About 20 nautical miles southwest of Cape Kanin Nos, seven Soviet sealing vessels were observed close to the edge of the ice. The vessels were about 120 to 150 feet long; each had a steel bow, and an engine and deckhouse aft. They were similar to the "green" trawlers seen along the Norwegian coast.						25 X 1
3.	It rea	vessel developed engine trouble and had to sail back to its home port on 1 April. It followed a course 30 nautical miles off Cape Teriberskiy. It reached its home port on 4 April. A Soviet aircraft was sighted north of Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10).					
4.	On 7 A		vessel returned Cape Kanin Nos a				
5.	On 3 May the vessel was near Kostin Strait (N 70-55, E 53-15) at Novaya Semlya. It continued along the coast in nearly ice-free waters toward Admiralty Peninsula (N 75-03, E 55-40), where it arrived on 6 May. The ship then proceeded to N 78-00, E 60-00, where ice was encountered. Open water was observed toward the east. The vessel remained in the area until 21 May.						
6.	On one	e occasion a lar e toward Franz J	ge multi-engined a osef Land (N 81-0	aircraft 0, E 55-0	was observed f	Clying on a	25 X 1
7.	home pantenr beam f	From position N 78-00, E 60-00 vessel then proceeded to its home port. On the return trip an unspecified number of antenna masts on Cape Kanin Nos. The ship utilized the direction signals or beam from this station while navigating in the ice. A house was observed near the lighthouse on the north point of Kolguyev Island. Two radio masts					
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